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## WILL BEGIN WORK ON MEMORIAL HALL

Contract for Erection of  
Hall Let to C. C. Young  
of this Village.

## TO BE COMPLETED THIS FALL

Building to Be Located on Niles  
Street, Just South of Disciple  
Church.

After the most careful consideration by all parties concerned the plans have been submitted and the contract for the Memorial hall has been let to C. C. Young of Paw Paw. The location of this building will be on Niles street adjoining the Disciple church. The building is to be of rock-faced blocks, a story and a half high and 30x82 feet in size. It will face the east.

The floor plan is as follows: Assembly room 30x40 feet, kitchen back of this to be 12x30 feet. A large movable platform on west side of hall with sliding doors on either side so as to provide more space if necessary. A toilet, cloak room and flag locker are also part of the plan. Five windows on either side, two windows in the front and two in the rear will furnish plenty of light and splendid ventilation. Cement steps at front and back and the home for the soldiers and the Relief Corps will be completed as far as masons and carpenters can make it. The building is to be ready for occupancy in November next. Paw Paw people will look forward to the housewarming with pleasure.

The erection of this home has been made possible by earnest and untiring efforts—the members of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps giving dinners, arranging social affairs in order to raise a small amount of money, the soliciting of funds from friends and interested people, sacrificing in every way possible something to turn into the treasury to help the good cause, and who shall say that the earnest prayers that have been offered up from altars here times without number have been in vain to bring about the culmination of this great object that means so much to the older element of this town today and which will be so thoroughly rooted in the minds and hearts of our young people that it will always be sacred to them as long as one stone in its foundation remains. May every boy and girl have the feeling of reverence when they pass that building and observe the stars and stripes floating above it, to salute it mentally, whatever be the attitude of the body.

## BATTALION PICNIC.

The Van Buren county annual Battalion picnic will be held in Paw Paw again this year and promises to be an enjoyable reunion. Thursday, August 1, is the day decided upon. It will be an all day session, the visitors having been invited for 9:00 o'clock a. m. A picnic dinner will be served in the grove on the school house grounds after which a program will be presented at the opera house at 1:30.

## MANY DISASTERS DURING PAST WEEK

The Use of Steel Cars on Michigan  
Central Saves Loss of Many Lives,  
It Is Thought.

The past week has been one of fatalities. Railroad wrecks, drownings at summer resorts, death by runaway horses, death and destruction of property by lightning, by heat from the sun and numerous other calamities.

The most serious of all these was the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy wreck at Western Springs, 16 miles west of Chicago. This occurred Sunday morning. It was a fast mail train and in a fog collided with a standing train resulting in 13 dead and as many injured.

A wreck on the Michigan Central at Comstock, four miles east of Kalamazoo, of the west bound train running 60 miles an hour, proved to be a miracle as the train consisting of eight Pullman, two day coaches and baggage car met defeat on account of spreading rails. Six persons were injured, but no deaths resulted. The circumstance of the passengers escaping more serious injury was undoubtedly due to the fact of the cars being manufactured entirely of steel. Wooden cars it is thought would have crushed and the loss of life been considerable.

## PICNIC AT THREE-MILE LAKE.

The members and friends of the Baptist church held a picnic at Three Mile lake last Wednesday. Quite a large crowd attended and enjoyed the day, as the weather was ideal.

## SENATOR LORIMER LOSES HIS SEAT

JUNIOR SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS  
IS OUSTED BY VOTE OF  
55 TO 28.

By a vote 55 to 28 the United States Senate on Saturday, unseated William Lorimer, the junior senator from Illinois, and declared his title to his seat invalid. The end of the long fight came after three days of protracted debate, in which Senator Lorimer has occupied the floor for three sessions, making an impassioned defense of his election. The resolution offered by Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee, declaring the Lorimer election by the Illinois legislature in 1909 invalid, was adopted. The fight to oust Senator Lorimer from his seat in the senate has been on for more than two years. Charges and counter-charges of bribery and corruption and incrimination, indictments, trials and "confessions" galore have filled the history of the case, and Saturday's vote ended one of the most sensational legislative embroilings that the country has ever known.

## WILL ESTABLISH AN OFFICE HERE

Postal Telegraph Company  
Will Locate in Paw Paw  
in Near Future.

A. A. Lafferty of Chicago, representative of the Postal Telegraph company, was in Paw Paw last week looking over the situation with a view of locating an office here. He evidently was pleased with the outlook as H. L. McNeil received a letter from him this week stating that he would establish an office in Paw Paw at least during the fruit season and entertained no doubt but that a postal telegraph station would be made a permanent thing in Paw Paw. He expressed the belief that there would be two offices during the fruit season, one near the shipping point and one up town.

The citizens of Paw Paw will be pleased to learn that there is to be another telegraph station here. There has been a continual effort made to have the Western Union establish an office up town and many promises have been made, but without result. Train dispatcher Bert Spicer will also welcome another office. It will relieve him of much work besides many kicks for which he is not to blame.

## IS ATTACHED TO MOONLIGHT BAIT

Emory Ball Gets Hooked  
Up and Bad Finger is  
the Result.

Often you see forgetful men coming down town in the morning with a string tied around a finger and you can easily guess, if you know them to be married men, that the half left at home, known generally as the "better half" has given them a lecture and "lastly" has hitched them to themselves as a reminder of some errand to be attended to.

Emory Ball is a married man and his friends saw his finger swathed in white a few days ago, but thought he was simply trying to think of it; well, he thought of it, and this is how it happened: He went to Three Mile lake to see what he could do about landing some of those big ones that got away from the fellows who had been there the day before. It was midnight's witching hour and they were biting fine. The Moonlight Bait was glimmering and Emory was happy, but it was not to last. That thrilling moment when a fisherman feels the strike that makes life worth living—the moment when he would give his diamond ring to know for sure that it was not a dog fish—was his and he reeled carefully in and behold he had a splendid specimen, but to show how ornery that particular kind of bait can be we relate how it hooked Mr. Ball in the finger and was so imbedded in the flesh with its jagged edges that it was impossible to get it out without the aid of a physician. A joy ride to town and a physician's sharp instrument tells the story. The wound was cauterized and the finger is doing nicely.

## MILLMEN DEFEATED.

The early week ball game at Land scape park, the new base ball ground east of town, resulted in the defeat of the state mill nine by the city team, the score being 9 to 6. The mill men insist, however, that they will be able to turn the tables on the city team at their next meeting.

## MUSSELMAN DEFINES POSITION AS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Grand Rapids Man Can See No Necessity for Forming  
Third Party. Believes Republican Party  
Will Set Its House in Order.



Amos Musselman defines his position  
as candidate for governor.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF MICHIGAN.  
So many inquiries have come to our headquarters regarding my attitude on some questions of public interest, I deem it proper at this time to make a few brief statements which I do not in any sense send out as a platform, but am doing it that there may be no doubt as to my position on these questions.

The first question asked candidates these days is, "Are you progressive?" Most assuredly; and my record proves that I am not a recent convert to progressive principles. As far back as 1894, Governor Pingree began his campaign for equal taxation by addressing an open letter to me, after a conference on this subject. In those days it meant something to espouse these principles for in so doing a business man subjected himself to ridicule from his associates and acquaintances. From that time to this I have been identified with that element of our party, arrayed in opposition to the old time machine methods. I could be nothing else than a progressive, and there is no republican in Michigan who rejoices more at the numerous accessions to the ranks of the progressive republicans than I do.

After the Stearns-Bliss-Ferry contest in 1900, I published an open letter, over my signature, in which I said: If the spectacle presented during that contest should result in the enactment of a primary law which would prevent a repetition of that disgrace, the price paid would not be too great.

The facts are that we, as a nation, are passing from a representative democracy to a pure democracy, and this evolution is as irresistible as the tides of the ocean. The man or party standing in its way will surely be swept aside by the ever increasing force of the people seeking a larger share in the responsibility of government. This is a government of, by and for the people, and it is theirs to direct as they desire.

That our party has serious problems to solve, and that we are face to face with what many consider a crisis is apparent. I am one of those who believe, however, that republicans can and will set their own house in order without calling in their neighbors or abandoning the structure. You will probably infer from this that I do not see any necessity for a third party. The most such a movement could hope to accomplish would be to elect a democratic president, which would, from my viewpoint, be a calamity. Woodrow Wilson

## CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER

Deputy State Treasurer John W. Haarer of Ann Arbor has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of state treasurer. Mr. Haarer is a native of Washtenaw county, this state, and has a large acquaintance, having held the office of deputy state treasurer for the past eight years.

Mr. Haarer has the unqualified endorsement of the republicans of his home city, who are doing everything in their power to further his candidacy.

## HOME FOR SUMMER.

Maud Minnich, who took a stenographic course at the South Bend business college came home Friday, for the summer. She expects to return to South Bend the first of September and take a position there. Miss Minnich has many friends in Paw Paw and vicinity who are glad to hear of her success.

is the most perfect type of a real democrat that has been presented to the people of America since the days of Andrew Jackson. He says the tariff will be the issue of this campaign and I agree with him when he says further: "Looking into the heart of the high cost of living, you will find there the tariff," he furnishes absolute credentials that he is a true democrat, who does not believe in the principles of protection.

I came from the Bay City convention a very thoughtful man. I came from the Chicago convention a sad and disappointed man. If I did not believe in my heart that my party can and WILL throw overboard the weights that threaten to sink the grand old craft, I would do as my father did in 1856, when he left the old Whig party and cast his lot with the new born republican party.

It must be apparent to every unprejudiced observer that conventions created by caucuses have outlived their usefulness and I do not hesitate to state that, in my judgment, the greatest good coming from the Bay City and Chicago conventions will be the incontrovertible evidence that future nominations for president of the United States should be made by direct primary vote.

## THE COMING STATE CONVENTION.

The coming state convention will be made up of representatives chosen by delegates elected at the August primaries and of necessity will, as near as our system affords, represent the sentiment of the rank and file of Michigan republicanism. Knowing this to be true, I believe that the State Central Committee should be reorganized at the approaching state convention and if it is possible to do so, I would go farther and recommend that new presidential electors be selected for those districts where the proceedings at Bay City were in any way irregular.

As an instance of the methods prevailing at that convention, I will cite my own Congressional district, the fifth. At the district caucus held at the appointed time and place, Mr. Fred J. Mauren, editor of the Portland Review, was chosen our presidential elector without opposition. For some reason and by methods completely foreign to my theory of the political "square deal" the name of another (and a most estimable citizen in every way) was substituted for that of Mr. Mauren. It is such methods of political manipulation that has so aroused the public conscience. If such errors and irregularities are corrected, together with the selection of a new State Central Committee, it will remove the clouded title that is now hanging over the party organization as chosen at Bay City. No committee is greater than the welfare of the whole party, and if there exists the slightest doubt as to its legal standing, as was indicated at its last session, the committee itself should be the first to remove any possible taint.

A set of rules, clearly setting forth the duties of the State Central Committee regarding any future contests and matters incident to the preliminary organization of conventions, should be adopted by the convention.

A platform should be adopted that will represent the progressive sentiment of the party in Michigan and it should be so definite in its utterances and so plain in its provisions that there can be no room for doubt regarding the position of Michigan republicanism nor of the duty incumbent upon any candidate of the party elected to any executive or legislative office at the November election.

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## PAID FOR THEIR OWN INDULGENCE

Roy Schrader and a couple of pals, with a borrowed horse and buggy and three gauges of squirrel whiskey, broke the silent watches of the night and also several laws on the statute books of this great commonwealth by resisting an officer of the law, arousing the slumbering echoes and then rushing for home. Fred Lord made complaint and their arrest followed. Judge Killefer said 15 days for Schrader and \$5 and costs for the other two.

## PROBATE JUDGES MEET.

The State association of probate judges held their annual convention at Alpena July 9, 10, 11. Judge Stone of Hillsdale was elected president for the coming year. Robt. H. Smith of Jackson is the retiring president of the association. Judge Anderson was unable to attend this meeting on account of duties connected with his office at this time.

## FAVORITE RESORT AGAIN OPENED

ELM BEACH, ON MAPLE LAKE.  
IS AGAIN READY FOR  
BUSINESS.

Elm Beach has again been opened to the public and has had a satisfactory business at the outset. Mrs. Fred Oosbeck is at the helm and we wish to prophecy a continuance of the patronage that she has had so far, as we feel confident that her business ability and splendid hospitality will warrant success.

She has everything that is to be found at parlors of this kind to cheer the tired pleasure seeker—ice cream soda, plain cream and sundaes, soft drinks, confectionery and a pleasant place to chat. She also has a number of boats to rent and the lake affords much pleasure to many. Bathing is the pastime for others and take it from every point of view the little resort is a popular place. Take a stroll this evening and stop at Elm Beach; then you will give us credit for good judgment.

## DRY WEATHER THING OF PAST

Artificial Rain Making to be  
Tested at Battle Creek  
Next Week.

There are to be no more "drysalls" in Michigan. Under the supervision of the local commercial organization of Battle Creek, a thorough test of C. W. Post's theory of artificial rain making will be given there July 23rd or 24th. The utility of the plan has repeatedly been demonstrated near Post City, Tex.

The theory is that repeated discharges of dynamite, along a firing line two miles in length will produce rain. It is based upon the historical fact that rain almost invariably follows a battle in which the cannonading has been heavy. National and public officials, agricultural experts and newspaper men from Michigan and surrounding states have been invited to attend the demonstration and it is anticipated that several thousand people will visit Battle Creek to witness the unique experiment.

It is intended at the time of this demonstration to produce a rainfall sufficient in its scope to cover eight townships, four in Calhoun, two in Kalamazoo and two in Barry county. The promoters are very confident of the success of the venture and claim that rain can be produced at a cost of 7.10 of a cent an acre, which figure has been arrived at by thoroughly reliable computations. If this is the case and the experiment is a success, irrigation will soon become a thing of the past. Of course there are a few just skeptical enough to doubt its success, but the experiment will be awaited with interest.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK TRAIN

Train on the Fruit Belt  
Leaves Track With but  
Slight Damage.

According to the South Haven Gazette an attempt was made to wreck train No. 3 on the Fruit Belt Line, which leaves Kalamazoo at 12 o'clock noon. The train was running at a good rate of speed and when it reached the switch near the turn table just this side of Kalamazoo, it was discovered that the switch had been turned, the turn table tampered with and run half around and a huge boulder placed on the track.

The engine and tender passed on over the switch, but the balance of the train separated, coaches taking the main track and the engine and tender the switch and considerable damage to the road bed, ties and track resulted.

It was necessary to cancel two trains on the line and build a track around the portion torn out by the engine and coaches when they parted company and tried to take two different tracks at the same time.

## A HOUSE PARTY.

A sextette of ladies from Chicago are making up a house party at the home of Mrs. Robert Smith. This is a yearly occurrence and always proves a very enjoyable reunion. The names of the guests follow: Mesdames Frances Foltz, Jane Law, Minnie Wilson, H. S. Van Dusen, Jia Whittles and Miss Lou Heinbeck. Mrs. Van Dusen is a sister of Mrs. Smith. They will remain here for two weeks.

## INTERESTING CASE IN PROBATE COURT

Neighbors Say that Parties  
are Incapable of Bring-  
ing Up Children.

## PARENTS SEEM INCOMPETENT

Judge Anderson Commits Children to  
Coldwater Until Homes Can Be  
Provided.

Considerable attention was centered upon the probate court last Saturday afternoon as the hearing of The People vs. Al Gray and wife of Decatur township was being held before Judge David Anderson. The point of argument was whether the aforesaid Mr. and Mrs. Gray are the proper persons mentally, physically and morally to have the custody and care of their three children, a girl of seven and a boy and girl a little younger. The couple have five children, a boy of 17 and a baby less than a year old, besides the three before mentioned.

Complaint was entered by neighbors of the defendants and a request made that County Agent Harbut be sent to investigate, which was done and the case was brought about as a result of the research.

The family of six persons have for the past year lived on a small place near Decatur in the locality known as the swamp. The house contains three rooms, poorly furnished and at the time of the investigation they were all occupying one sleeping room. The conditions existing around the place are, as presented to the court, decidedly unsanitary and the personal appearance of the children, the moral influence surrounding them and the apparent impossibility of them having any educational advantages aroused the sympathy of people living near and the attention of the juvenile court was asked for.

The mother of the family is thoroughly incompetent, not being able to read, write, tell her own age, tell the time of day, know the directions of the compass, know the name of her own township, in fact, is mentally a degenerate. Physically well and strong, but as far as directing the destinies of a family are concerned, a pitiful object to look upon.

The evidence was particularly straightforward and clear on both sides, the witnesses for the people being near neighbors and the majority of the witnesses for the defense being people who live some distance away and simply pass the place by team.

It was asked of the court that the three children of school age be sent to Coldwater where they can have the advantages of education and moral training.

Glenn E. Warner conducted the case for the people and A. Lyon Free was the attorney for the defense. The hour being late when the evidence was finished, the court concluded to hear the arguments of the attorneys at a future date, Monday at 2 p. m. being the time decided upon.

The result of the investigation and hearing which followed was the decision of Judge Anderson committing the children to the home at Coldwater. They will be taken there and cared for until suitable homes can be procured for them.

## DEMOCRATS NAME COUNTY TICKET

The Democratic County Committee at  
Its Last Meeting Endorses Names  
for Primary Ballot.

At a meeting of democratic leaders of the county held at South Haven on Friday of last week, petitions to place the following names on the primary ballot for the democratic nominations were signed, following a meeting of the county committee. The committee took this step to make sure that a full county ticket will be named, and not with the idea of limiting the field to these men in case other aspirants wish to enter the race for preferment at the primaries:

Representative in State Legislature—Fred Simpson, Hartford;  
Judge of Probate—W. W. Holmes, South Haven;  
Sheriff—Andrew Gaynor, Breedsville;  
County Clerk—Frank J. Fugaley, Lawton;  
Treasurer—Mark Burlingame, Arlington;

Register of Deeds—Paul Harrison, Bloomingdale;  
Coroners—Dr. O. M. Vaughan, Covert; Edgar B. Zuver, Hartford.

## CAN HAVE MONEY BACK.

To Whom it may Concern: Any one who paid any money for a monument and don't wish to have it used for a memorial hall can have his money back by calling on the treasurer, Mrs. Martha Smith.